

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Resolution on Earth Hour**

3 FOR the purpose of recognizing a certain hour on a certain day as Earth Hour; urging
4 Marylanders to observe Earth Hour; urging the Governor to order that the
5 lights in Government House and the State Capitol complex be turned off during
6 Earth Hour; and generally relating to Earth Hour.

7 WHEREAS, Earth Hour is a global event organized by the World Wide Fund for
8 Nature and is held annually on the last Saturday in March from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30
9 p.m.; and

10 WHEREAS, The hour has been designated as Earth Hour to remind everyone
11 that, by working together, we can make a positive impact in the fight against climate
12 change; and

13 WHEREAS, 80,000,000 Americans, 8 states, and 318 cities, including Baltimore
14 City and Montgomery Village, are raising awareness and demonstrating their
15 commitment to supporting this event; and

16 WHEREAS, We set forth a bold vision for Maryland to work towards solutions
17 to energy and environmental problems and the escalating climate crisis; and

18 WHEREAS, The event asks participating households, businesses, and
19 governments to turn off all nonessential lighting between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and
20 9:30 p.m.; and

21 WHEREAS, Millions of people in countries around the world have joined this
22 effort to make a statement of concern regarding global warming and the need for
23 energy efficiency; and

24 WHEREAS, A number of cities worldwide have saved notable amounts of
25 energy simply by participating in the event for a single hour; and



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1 WHEREAS, Earth Hour will take place this year on March 26, 2011, between
2 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That the
4 General Assembly of Maryland recognizes March 26, 2011, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
5 as Earth Hour and urges all Marylanders to observe Earth Hour and urges the
6 Governor to order that the lights in the Government House and State Capitol complex
7 be turned off during Earth Hour; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
9 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the
10 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
11 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.